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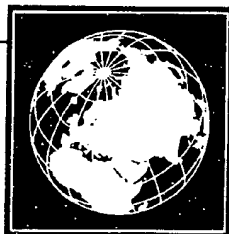
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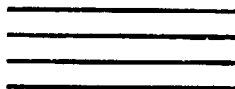
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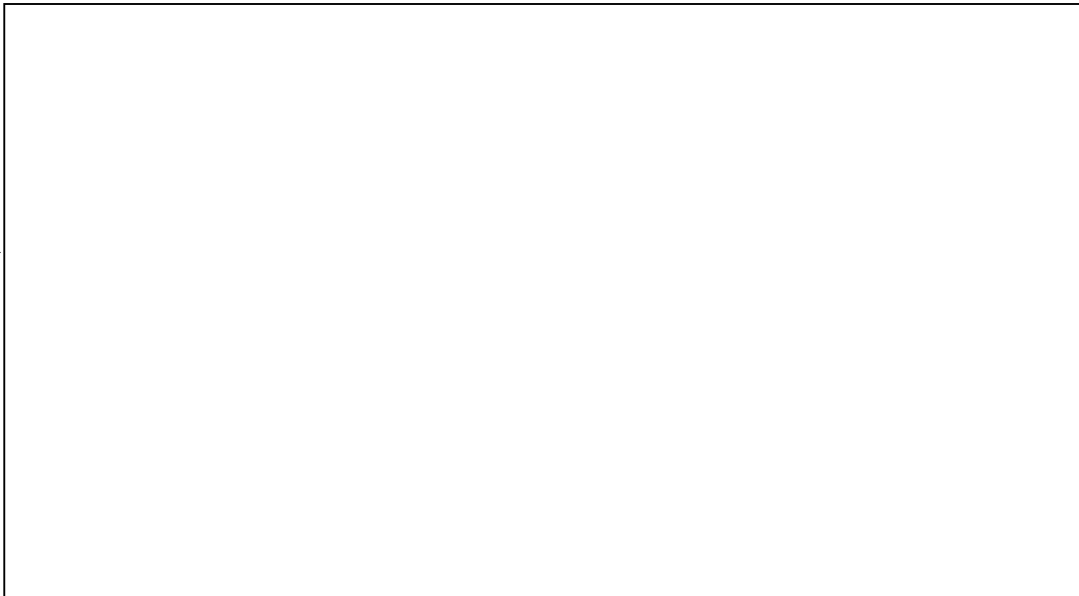
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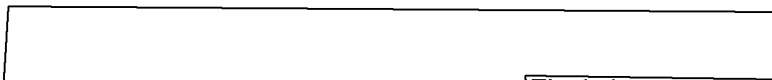
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Russia-Kazakhstan: Recovering Nuclear Test Device



The device was never detonated because, after the breakup of the USSR, Kazakhstani President Nazarbayev closed the site in response to domestic antinuclear sentiment.

— Last week a Russian Atomic Energy Ministry official said that work had started on a joint project to remove the test device.

— Deterioration of components of the device may increase the risk of a nonnuclear explosion during recovery.

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